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**From:** Brown - DNR, Kirstin  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 9:10:26 PM  
**Subject:** Re: portal shoring materials  
[BlackHawk.pdf](#)

The landowner has been grumpy about sampling access to the site in the past during ARSG sampling (DMG 4 Volume sampling). There is a DRMS mine closure on it.  
Coordinates are:

UTM Nad83 13N  
268226 mE  
4196006 mN

On Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 2:07 PM, Allen Sorenson - DNR <[allen.sorenson@state.co.us](mailto:allen.sorenson@state.co.us)> wrote:

There are lots of potential blowout candidates, especially this year. Kirstin, are you familiar with the Blackhawk mine?

On Aug 8, 2015, at 1:40 PM, Griswold, Hays <[Griswold.Hays@epa.gov](mailto:Griswold.Hays@epa.gov)> wrote:

Allen, do you know anything about the black hawk mine? Just went there at owners request and it is another blowout in the making but smaller scale backed up 8 feet high but can see into it. More later too much to explain here.  
Hays

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 8, 2015, at 11:53 AM, Sorenson - DNR, Allen <[allen.sorenson@state.co.us](mailto:allen.sorenson@state.co.us)> wrote:

That's perfect; I'm very much hoping that they have some better ideas, because with the size of that opening it's not going to be easy.

On Sat, Aug 8, 2015 at 10:47 AM, Matt Francis <[m.francis@erllc.com](mailto:m.francis@erllc.com)> wrote:

Thanks, Allen. HW was at the site yesterday and are to provide a plan by COB Monday. I'll give them this to consider in preparing thier proposal.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® 3, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Sorenson - DNR, Allen" <[allen.sorenson@state.co.us](mailto:allen.sorenson@state.co.us)>

Date: 08/08/2015 10:44 AM (GMT-07:00)

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Subject: portal shoring materials

The proposed plan for stabilizing the Gold King portal is to install ten foot diameter culvert with 12-inch drain pipes against each rib. It looks like these can be pushed in using the excavator once the timber posts in the slot are moved out of the way. Couplings for the culvert sections would be nice, but unless they can be installed safely (men working in the slot is not safe at this time) as the culvert is pushed in segment-by-segment, the couplings aren't absolutely necessary. The sections can be joined from the inside using straps and bolts later. It's hard to estimate how much we need since we can't get a good look into the mine, but I'm sure that four more 10-foot sections (for a total of 55-feet) will get used. The adit might pinch down inby, and we might have to transition to smaller diameter culvert farther in, or go to steel or timber sets.

The leading edge of the sections are going to get hung up on the floor during pushing operations, so timber skids need to be fabricated and installed to keep this from happening.

Once the culvert is in, foam will be injected to fill the void above the culvert. This is a urea silicate foam, we've used Meyco 367, see attachment. It's hard to estimate how much is needed without getting into the mine, but it looks like it will be at least 300 cubic yards. Here is a supplier contact, and attached is a brochure:

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GMS Mine Repair & Maintenance  
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Grand Junction, CO 81506

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Please run this plan by Harrison Western to see if they have any issues with constructability or have any other ideas!

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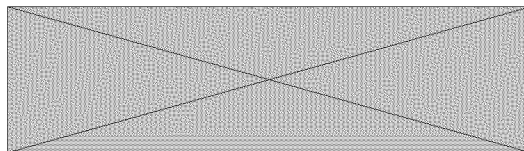
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